

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

A NEWSLETTER FOR FRIENDS OF EVANSVILLE STATE HOSPITAL

HEALTH INFORMATION SERVICES

By Michele Whitaker, HIS Director

The medical record contains documentation of a patient's illness and course of treatment. It serves as a method of communication between the physician and other health professionals and helps to facilitate continuing care at the end of a patient's hospital stay. The importance of the medical record cannot be emphasized enough. Regulatory agencies such as the Joint Commission and the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services utilize the medical record to evaluate patient care and to monitor the hospital's policies/procedures for maintaining compliance with agency standards. Accrediting agencies require that there be a complete and accurate medical record with a focus on how the hospital aggregates, analyzes, and uses information to improve the quality and safety of patient care. To ensure compliance, the Health Information Services Department conducts medical record audits including ongoing reviews at the point of care.

The quarterly Ongoing Record Review is conducted by using an audit tool which contains a variety of criteria to determine if the charts contain demographic and clinical information such as the patient's name, date of birth, reason for admission, diagnosis, multidisciplinary assessments, physical exams, treatment goals, and medications. Audits look for the presence, timeliness, legibility, accuracy and authentication of data. Reviews are conducted by not only Health Information Services staff but by an interdisciplinary team consisting of staff from Nursing, Rehabilitation Therapy, Utilization Review, Continuum of Care, Medical Support, and Medical Staff. Routine audits monitor all clinical disciplines with regards to required timeframes and authentication of admission assessments, annual assessments, and discharge summaries. Results of HIS audits are shared with clinical supervisors and presented to the Health Information Services Committee, Medical Staff Committee, and Quality Management Committee for monitoring.

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Diane Dabe, Nursing Service
Larry Damm, Nursing Service
Ashley Hinten, Nursing Service
Bev Reine, Quality Management
Charity Summers, Nursing Service
Angela Wilhite, Nursing Service
Rayma Young, Nursing Service



HOLIDAYS:

November 2—Election Day
November 11—Veterans Day
November 25—Thanksgiving Day
November 26—Lincoln's Birthday
December 23/24—Washington's Birthday
December 25—Christmas Day
December 31/Jan 1—New Year's Day



GOODBYE

Nancy Egan-West
Robert Jones
Cindy Murphy
Heather Ray
Kenny Williams



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FALL FESTIVAL by John Sakel, Rehabilitation Therapy

This year, the weather during the first full week of October was perfect for the annual West Side Nut Club Fall Festival that takes place on Franklin Street each year in Evansville. Likewise, October 8th couldn't have been a nicer day for the hospital's rendition of the fest. The solarium courtyard was transformed into a carnival with game and food booths for an afternoon of fun. And just like Franklin Street, the courtyard became congested quickly with approximately 120 patients in attendance. Patients were treated to samplings of egg rolls, tacos, corn dogs, pineapple fritters, funnel fries, and snow cones. A popular activity, Flickin Chickin, had residents throwing rubber chickens into a corn hole board turned upward. Other carnival activities were Plingo (similar to the Price is Right's Plinko), a duck pond, bottle toss, and train rides. Many received



The infamous "Zippy the Clown" was in attendance and posed for pictures with the residents.

tattoos and had their faces painted. Pictures with Zippy the Clown, a.k.a employee Donna Dant, were also a highlight.

A lighthouse parade was held with patients pulling their lighthouse around the courtyard walking path. The judging was difficult as the lighthouse floats were all unique even though they were constructed with the same materials. The C Unit lighthouse float was chosen as the best. Special thanks to Fall Festival Committee members Pam Grewe, Donna Mesker, John Sakel, Paula Hurst, Linda Deig, and Cathy Gostley.



The C Unit lighthouse carried a 'Gilligan's Island' theme with Mary Ann's Diner, Professor's Windmill and Skipper's Quarters.

SAFETY CLASSES

Do you recall the Highlight magazine picture puzzle that has young readers searching for mistakes in a picture, such as an open umbrella on a sunny day? Community Integration Program employee Cindi Gehlhausen has taken this concept one step further in safety classes at ESH. Cindi purposely arranges 10 or more situations that are unsafe in the teaching kitchen and then asks her clients to find "what's wrong?" This may entail leaving the oven door open blocking the path, pot handles facing out past the stove top, an electric cord hanging in the sink, a cabinet door left open, or a wet floor from a dripping towel hung over a chair. The clients have found the classes fun and enlightening while learning safety in the kitchen and home.



GOOD TO GO



The Good to Go training program focuses on improving independent living skills. A wide variety of issues including pedestrian safety and budgeting are addressed in the program. A recent trip downtown provided opportunities to learn about community resources and use of the public transportation system. Clients visited Central Library and became aware that they can buy magazines and books ranging from \$.25 to \$1.00 as well as check out books, DVD's and CD's free of charge. While downtown, they took a stroll down by the river and experienced the fall foliage.



OVER \$20,000 PLEDGED THROUGH SECC

ESH employees pledged over \$20,000 to local, state and national non-profit agencies during the 2010-11 charitable campaign. Included in the pledges was \$2,375 raised through a Cook-Off event, basket auctions throughout the year, and a Coin War challenge against Larue Carter Hospital employees. The recent Coin War raised \$176.55 for the local Ronald McDonald House. Employees tossed their spare change in coin containers throughout the six week campaign period and had an opportunity to nominate their favorite charity for the proceeds. A random drawing of charities decided the benefactor. Discouragingly, this is the first challenge the hospital has lost. However, the real winner of the coin battle was the Ronald McDonald House. Hats off to all employees for their participation and generosity.

KOMEN RACE TEAM BIGGEST YET!

Employee **Shirley Martin**, 21 year breast cancer survivor, led the ESH team towards raising more than \$875 dollars for Susan G Komen for the Cure-Evansville affiliate. This year's goal was surpassed with the help of additional donations raised by the 31 team members. Kudos to ESH retiree and survivor **Marcia Barclay** who was the team's top fundraiser. Our contributions will further the Komen promise to save lives. An awareness program was held on Tuesday, November 2nd from 1-2:30 p.m. in the Treatment Mall for both residents and staff. A thank you goes out to **Cookie Smith and Marty Custis**, representatives from the **Susan G. Komen Foundation**, for presenting information on breast health and answering our questions related to exams and detection.



SEPTEMBER 2010 KOMEN RACE TEAM

Debbie Alexander
Carol Altmeyer
Theresa Arvin
Marcia Barclay
Angela Bartley
Glenda Bott
Sally Cosgrove
Edna Crable

Buff Fallen
Sacra Fallen
Joan Fillippes
Darlene French
Pam Grewe
Betty Harker
Sherrie Huffman
Vicki Julius

Kelsi Latham
Shannon Latham
Amy Martin
Shirley Martin
Timothy Martin
Mary McBride
Cathy Miller
Kathy Osborne

Sharon Pfau
Marty Richards
Darin Rose
Mary Jane Scheucher
Nancy Soelter
Tabitha Thomas
Eula Wilson



HALLOWEEN GREETINGS

The monthly gathering of Friend to Friend participants always produces a few surprises. The October 14 Halloween Party was no exception with costume-clad guests and several attendees sporting silly hats.

During the party, homemade Halloween cards were crafted for the children at the Evansville Psychiatric Children's Center, and sent to several ESH donors and volunteers to wish them a Happy Halloween.



Artex employee Melanie Seibert is pictured with the collection of CD's donated to ESH to enhance the library.

DONATIONS

Thank you Gibson County MHA for supporting the Fall Festival event!

Over 200 CD's were collected from **Artex School Uniforms And Cornerstone Catholic Books & Gifts** and added to the hospital's library.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION is published every other month for friends of Evansville State Hospital. News items are welcome and should be submitted to the Community Services Office.

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UPCOMING HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Programming at the hospital includes seasonal themed activities each quarter. Special events are widespread over the upcoming holiday season and involve visits from our community friends. Here's a preview of the scheduled activities over the next few months:

HALLOWEEN DANCE & MOVIE

October 29, 1-3:00 pm & 6-8:00 pm

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM



November 9, 1:00 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary

FRIEND TO FRIEND

THANKSGIVING LUNCHEON

November 18, 11:30 a.m.



C & D UNITS HOLIDAY PARTY

December 4 from 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Oak Hill Baptist Church

HOLIDAY FAMILY MIXER

December 4, 11:00 a.m.

CATHOLIC SERVICES

December 5, 8, 12, 19, 22, 26

6:30-7:00pm

REGION V MHA MEETING

December 8 from 10:00 am-12:30pm

LABOR UNION CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 9, 6:30-8:30 pm



FRIEND TO FRIEND PARTY

December 9 from 2:00-3:00 pm

HOSPITAL-WIDE CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Sunday, December 12

HOLIDAY MUSIC PERFORMANCE

December 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Hadi Shrine Brass Band



HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

December 14, 11am-12:30pm

American Legion Auxiliary

F UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 17, 3:00-4:00pm

USI Stellar Club



G UNIT CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 19 2:00-3:00 pm

North Woods Church

GIFT OPENING PARTIES

Monday-Wednesday December 20-22,

9-10:30 am & 1-2:30 pm

